

BILL NO. 2024-41

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LVMC TITLE 2 BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER THEREIN, DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 2.67, TO ESTABLISH THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Sponsored by: Councilwoman Victoria Seaman

Summary: Amends Title 2 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code by adding Chapter 2.67 to establish the Animal Advisory Committee.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Title 2 of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, designated as Chapter 67, consisting of Sections 10 to 70, inclusive, reading as follows:

2.67.010: There is created an Animal Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Animal Advisory Committee is to serve as an advisory body to the City Council with respect to animal-related issues, policies, and practices.

2.67.020: All committee members shall be appointed by the City Council. Each City Council member shall nominate one committee member for appointment.

2.67.030: The Advisory Committee shall consist of seven voting members and one non-voting staff member, ex officio, who will be assigned to the committee by the Director of Public Safety, or the Director's designee. Each voting member shall be a resident of the City. Persons appointed to the Advisory Committee shall receive no compensation. Members preferably include individuals with the following experience:

Veterinarians: Professionals with expertise in animal health and welfare, providing medical insights and guidance.

Animal Welfare Experts: Individuals with experience in animal protection, rescue, and advocacy, who can offer informed perspectives on best practices and policies.

Community Representatives: Local residents who bring a diverse range of views and concerns from different neighborhoods and sectors of the community.

Animal Shelter/Rescue Organization Representatives: Leaders or staff from local shelters and rescue groups, who have firsthand experience with animal care and community needs.

Legal Experts: Professionals knowledgeable about animal law and regulations, helping to navigate legal aspects of recommendations made by the Advisory Committee.

Education and Outreach Coordinators: Individuals experienced in public education who can help design and implement community awareness programs on animal welfare issues.

2.67.040: The Advisory Committee shall annually elect from among its members a chairperson and a secretary. Officers shall serve a term of one year, or until a successor is elected. The duties of the officers shall respectively be as are usually carried by such officers.

2.67.050: The Advisory Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council. The term of each member of the Advisory Board is coterminous with the term of the member of the City Council who nominated the Advisory Board member for appointment, except that a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

2.67.060: The Advisory Committee may adopt a code of conduct, bylaws, and make rules and regulations governing its meetings. The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's designee, shall serve ex-officio to represent the City's interests and to function as liaison between the Advisory Board and the City.

(A) A majority of the appointed Advisory Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

(B) No other person or substitute may participate in any Advisory Committee meeting in the place of an appointed member.

(C) The Advisory Committee shall meet a minimum of four times per calendar year.

2.67.070: The functions, powers, and duties of the Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

(A) The Advisory Committee shall serve as an advisory body to the City Council and City staff, to assist with the identification of animal-related issues and the development of plans and recommended practices concerning care and welfare of animals.

(B) The Advisory Committee shall not operate in a regulatory or authoritative capacity. The Advisory Committee shall act in advisory capacity only.

1 (C) The Advisory Committee may advise the City Council and City staff regarding revisions to
2 this Title. The Advisory Committee shall make requests and recommendations in writing to City Council and
3 City staff.

4 (D) The Advisory Committee shall comply with all provisions of federal, state, and local laws.

5 SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase
6 in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by
7 any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the
8 remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby
9 declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase
10 thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,
11 sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

12 SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,
13 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983
14 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

15 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.


16 APPROVED:

17 By _____
18 SHELLEY BERKLEY, Mayor

19 ATTEST:

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21 DR. LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

23  11/21/2024
24 Tamara M. Cannella, Date
Deputy City Attorney

1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the ____ day
2 of _____, 2024, and referred to a committee for recommendation, the committee being
3 composed of the following members _____;
4 thereafter the said committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the ____ day of
5 _____, 2025, which was a _____ meeting of said Council; that at said
6 _____ meeting, the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council as first
7 introduced and adopted by the following vote:

8 VOTING "AYE": _____

9 VOTING "NAY": _____

10 ABSENT: _____

11 APPROVED:

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13 By _____
SHELLEY BERKLEY, Mayor

14 ATTEST:

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16 DR. LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC
City Clerk

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